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# The Strangers Advance in EMI Contest

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The Strangers, one of Richmonds newer rock bands, is already getting a taste of success. The band, now a year and a half old, has advanced to the final bracket of EMI Records contest. The winner will win a record contract.

The band was entered by VCU's radio station WVCW. The station chose The Strangers from a field of 8 unsigned, local bands.

"We were excited," said John Warrick, WVCW promotions director. "Several hundred college radio stations participate, and this is the first time we had a band make it to the top 16 (of the yearly contest)."

WVCW has reason to be excited. Every time The Strangers advance in the competition, the station also wins. So far WVCW has won \$350 and could win an additional \$1000 if the band



The Strangers: 6/5 of Rock-n-Roll

From L-R: Bobby Bognan, Greg Coolidge, Chris Moore, Todd Fudala, Chris Moore

wins it all.

Bobby Bognan, vocalist for The Strangers, said, "We thought it was neat to be chosen in Richmond, with all

the bands that entered, we didn't expect any results."

A call in voting show, broadcast across college radio stations in mid-

February will determine which of the remaining five bands wins the contract.

The immediate impact for the strangers has been the positive reinforcement and acknowledgement of their work.

"It feels good writing good music (as a group) and having it recognized," Bognan said.

Strangers' self released EP Cassette Cry Wolf is available at Peaches and can be heard on XL102, WVCW and WDCE.

"We're lucky to have the XL, WVCW and WDCE airplay, it has had a positive effect on the attendance at our shows," said Bognan.

The band continues to be house band at Champions restaurant, where they play every Thursday night. They will also be performing Feb. 8 at Kahootz with Boy O Boy.